



**Minutes
of the
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Board of Directors Meeting**

October 26, 2004

8:30 AM

**Santa Barbara MTD Public Meeting Room
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, John Britton, Vice Chair, Olivia Rodriguez, Secretary, Brian Fahnestock, Director, Lee Moldaver, and General Manager Sherrie Fisher

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Director David Davis

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager, David Damiano, Community Relations Manager, Lynnette Coverly, Manager of Marketing, Steve Maas, Manager of Planning, Rachel Grossman, Planner, Nick DiNapoli, Graphics & Publications Specialists, Browning Allen, City of Santa Barbara Transportation Manager, Steve Musick

1. Call to Order

Chair Britton called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

Chair Britton noted all members were present, with the exception of Director Davis.

3. Report Regarding Posting of Agenda

General Manager Fisher reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters, on the MTD website and mailed to the media for general circulation.

Consent Calendar

4. Approval of Prior Minutes

Chair Britton postponed the reading of the prior minutes from the October 12, 2004, Board meeting until the November 9, 2004, Board meeting.

5. Approval of the cash report from October 5 through October 18, 2004.

Secretary Brian Fahnestock moved to approve the consent calendar, with the exception of the October 12, 2004, Board meeting minutes. Vice Chair Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Chair Britton invited Mr. Steve Musick to speak to the Board. Mr. Musick spoke about his concerns regarding the Calle Real Property. Mr. Musick also requested an updated/revised copy of MTD's Organizational Chart.

7. General Manager Report

General Manager Fisher reported that the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) had recently approved the South Coast Transit Priorities (SCTP) project. General Manager Fisher thanked the Board for their patience and assistance. She also thanked MTD staff for all of their hard work and a special thanks was given to MTD Planning Manager, Steve Maas.

General Manager Fisher gave a brief update regarding the Valley Express Service. The service is slated to start in January 2005, contingent upon Federal Transit Administration (FTA) processing of the necessary paperwork. The fares have not been finalized and MTD staff is finishing up the service schedules. Plans for stops were still underway and the marketing department was currently working on more promotion ideas. General Manager Fisher added that the Board will receive updates and information as soon as it is available. The information will be available to the public at that time.

Director Moldaver commented that it has been approximately a year since General Manager Fisher took over full operational duties at MTD and he congratulated her.

8. Recess to Closed Session-Calle Real

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, conference with real property negotiators regarding the MTD Calle Real Property, APN's Book 59, Page 14, Parcels 4, 5 & 6, and Book 67, Page 23, Parcel 6, concerning price and terms of payment; agency negotiators Doug Large and Bob Andrews; other negotiation parties: Housing Authority of County of Santa Barbara, Martin Farrell Homes, and Investec Capital, Inc.

No action was taken.

9. Recess to Closed Session-Union Negotiations

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with labor negotiators General Manager Sherrie Fisher and Assistant General Manager Jerry Estrada.

No action was taken.

10. Recess to Closed Session-Workers Compensation Claim

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.95(b) to discuss a claim by John Steensma for payment of workers' compensation benefits.

The Board gave General Manager Fisher authorization to settle the claim.

11. Other Business and Committee Reports

Vice Chair Rodriguez reported that the Property Committee had met regarding the Calle Real property.

Chair Britton reported that some of the Board members for the Santa Barbara Electric Transportation Institute (SBETI) had recently met for the first time in over a year. Chair Britton stated that the partnership between MTD and the SBETI will likely dissolved in the near future.

12. Adjournment

SPEAKERS: Any person wishing to speak to an item on the Agenda should complete and deliver to the MTD Board Clerk a "Request to Speak" form **before the meeting is convened**.

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